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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - PAK TONG-SON

SEPT 9 DEPT POSTED RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS TAKEN AT
SEPT 8 NOON BRIEFING:

QUOTE

Q: ARE YOU SUGGESTING A PRE-EXTRADITION TRIAL? ARE YOU
PROPOSING AN AIRING OF EVIDENCE IN KOREA? I.E., WHAT IS
THE EXTRADITION PROCEDURE?

Q: IT IS CUSTOMARY THAT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN IS NOT
EXTRADITED. HOW WOULD YOU GET AROUND THIS?

Q: HAS THERE BEEN AN INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER BY THE
SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT? IF SO, WERE THE RESULTS GIVEN
TO AMBASSADOR SNEIDER? WERE THEY RECEIVED HERE? IF SO,
ARE THEY AVAILABLE?

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Q: IF THE REVERSE WERE OCCURRING, WOULD THE UNITED
STATES RETURN AN AMERICAN CITIZEN TO KOREA?

A: THERE IS NO EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND KOREA SO THERE IS NO QUESTION OF EXTRADITION.
WHAT WE HAVE ASKED OF THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT IS ITS

COOPERATION IN OBTAINING THE RETURN OF MR. TONG SUN PARK TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE HE IS UNDER INDICTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL TO GO BEYOND THIS OR TO SPECULATE ABOUT HYPOTHETICAL CASES.

Q: HAS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ASKED US TO RETURN KIM HYONG-UK IN RETURN FOR TONG SUN PARK?

A: NO.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAS REFUSED TO SEE AMBASSADOR SNEIDER? WHEN DID AMBASSADOR SNEIDER LAST SEE THE FOREIGN MINISTER?

A: IT IS NOT TRUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY FOR SEVERAL DAYS. AMBASSADOR SNEIDER MEETS WITH HIM OFTEN AND SAW HIM SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

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